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The sound of people having fun

By Janet Trull

There are two extremes in the cottage world.

There's the peaceful quiet of an early morning when you tiptoe out of the cottage and sit by the lake alone. The solitude of being the last man standing at the dying campfire. The secret communal connection with nature when, while walking on the cottage road, you notice a deer staring at you, silent and nonjudgmental.

Then there is the raucous laughter and primal screaming of the gang that arrives on a Friday night across the lake. They blast their music and jump off the end of the dock and set off fireworks. They have jet skis and wakeboards and a barking dog. Oh yeah. And they are building a deck.

If you want to enjoy summer in Haliburton, you have to embrace both. I admit, my preferences lie with the quiet people. But if you stick around the lake long enough, you will realize that there are plenty of silent times. In February, I look out the cottage window at six o'clock in the evening and it is black. Blacker. Blackest. I feel nostalgic for the friendly glows from windows across the August lake. When I venture down to the dock in winter, the echoing wolf howls remind me why my pioneer ancestors formed communities. It would be lonely without people. Even crazy, fun-loving, thrill seeking summer people.

Remember the Desiderata? Written in 1927 by Max Ehrmann, it was widely circulated in the 1960s and '70s as wisdom for a happy life. Its truths were simple and clear. I quoted it in my high school yearbook upon graduation. Yes, I was an idealist in those days. Still am. I find that hope is indeed better than despair for functioning in this crazy world. The lines of the Desiderata come to me sometimes like adages from a beloved grandmother.

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste,
and remember what peace there may be in silence.
As far as possible, without surrender,
be on good terms with all persons.
Speak your truth quietly and clearly;
and listen to others,
even the boisterous and unruly;
they too love the cottage.

OK, I changed the last two lines there… did you notice? Those who are here year-round know that every season brings a different kind of human melody. There is the symphony of gunshots in the fall, the opera of snowmobiles in the winter, the overture of chainsaws in the spring. They all have their own detractors, of course, but they all keep the wolves at bay. They remind us that we are part of a big community with one thing in common. We all love the highlands of Haliburton in our own way.

At our cottage, we are quiet much of the time. But there is the occasional power tool project. There was a blood-curdling scream at 7 a.m. when a grandchild saw a dock spider for the first time. There was a bachelor party a few years ago that might have gotten a bit out of hand. Our neighbours are patient with us when we wake them up or keep them up or destroy their quiet afternoon nap in the hammock.

We have a saying when a neighbour arrives, sheepishly, at our back door to apologize for their loud visitors. "We never mind the sound of people having fun," we tell them. Sometimes we do, of course. Sometimes we cringe when we hear the ear-shattering strains of ACDC cranking up across the lake on a Friday night, knowing in advance the mayhem that will ensue. Even the loons roll their eyes. They're back!

But we repeat our mantra… "We never mind the sound of people having fun. We never mind the sound of people having fun."

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Boat tour offers different view of Haliburton

By Angelica Ingram

The Lady of the Lake has a calm and unassuming presence.

Unlike some boats she's not loud and fast but rather, as her name would suggest, graceful, elegant and classic.

With a long body that comfortably seats 10, plus a driver, the boat has dark green stripes painted along the side and a charming matching canopy above.

With flags on each end, a wooden floor and dark green leather seats, the boat is reminiscent of a time gone by, when life was simpler.

Highland Boat Tours has been operating on the waters of the Haliburton Highlands since the late summer of 2014, offering private charters aboard the Lady of the Lake.

The tours are led by HBT owner/operator Paul Dillon, whose passion for the business almost match his enthusiasm for the Lady of the Lake.

The name for the boat was derived from classic Arthurian legends, according to Dillon. Although there is some superstition when it comes to changing a boat's name, Dillon said the vessel had undergone a considerable renovations, throwing superstition out the window.

"While the boat was undergoing its retrofit that first winter there were a few glasses of wine enjoyed by the fireside in our cosy wee cottage here in Austin's Narrows contemplating the choice of a new name," Dillon wrote. "We felt Lady of the Lake was a fitting name considering our plans for her to be the vehicle through which we could share the history and beauty of our Highlands."

A resident of the county since 1970, Dillon purchased Lady of the Lake in 2012, and went to a great effort to have it restored and operating again.

An '89 Gozzard, the boat is named after its builder, Ted Gozzard of Goderich, Ont.

Lady of the Lake operated as a tour boat in Huntsville for 15 years before Dillon purchased it, he said. The classic fantail launch has a full displacement hull and a small diesel engine that can reach 12 horsepower.

"The hull is not designed to get up on the wave ... which means it's a slow boat because once you reach what they call hull speed you've created a bow wave and then the more power you put on it just butts its nose into the wave and buries the stern," said Dillon. "When I'm running it I'm running it two thirds throttle, which is 200 rpm ... it just sips on gas ... so it's very economical."

Dillon drives it at about 10 kilometres an hour, which he describes as a "very pleasant speed."

Dillon began doing private charters a few years ago, steadily increasing his business every summer. Operating from June to October, weather depending, the charters explore Haliburton's five-lake chain, typically beginning and ending in Head Lake at the town docks.

The Lady of the Lake docks in front of the Bonnie View Inn during a cruise of the five-lake chain that includes Lake Kashagawigamog, Grass Lake and Head Lake, as operated by the Highland Boat Tours private charter run by Paul Dillon. Chartered tours for up to 10 passengers are held from June to October (weather permitting) and start at $150. Reservations are required. See highlandboattours.com for more information or call 705-457-5442./ DARREN LUM Staff

As we begin the trip on a glorious and sunny Wednesday, the kind of day that makes you fall in love with summer, Dillon steers the boat towards the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and we're on our way.

Wildlife dots the shorelines as we put past a few ducks here and there, a turtle sighting and then a heron.

Dillon shares snippets of history as we cruise over to Grass Lake, pointing out properties that were once home to historic lodges and resorts.

Timeshares now fill many of those spots, others are vacant or home to private dwellings.

To date boaters who have gone aboard Lady of the Lake have come from as far as the U.S., says Dillon.

There have even been picnics enjoyed on the boat by guests, which Dillon describes as "quite lovely." More in-depth historical tours have been organized in conjunction with the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

A stop at the halfway mark, Bonnie View Inn provides a restroom opportunity, a chance to buy lunch or an ice cream (on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays) or just a moment to soak in the beauty of Lake Kashagawigamog.

Like the first leg of the trip, the return cruise offers picturesque scenery, taking in Haliburton from a different perspective than the everyday norm.

Owner Paul Dillon of The Lady of the Lake, a diesel powered fantail launch, talks about the history of area while on a Highland Boat Tours private charter.

HBT also offers charters round trip from private cottages or docks. Packages can be customized and start from $150.

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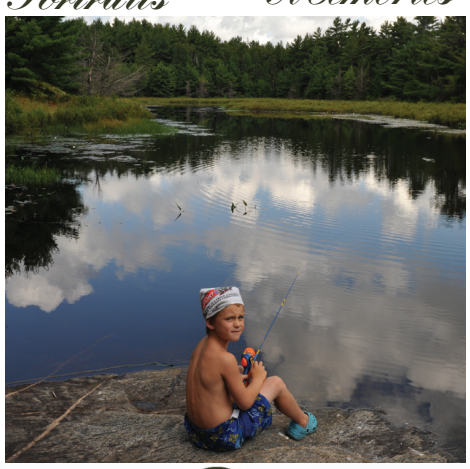

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New initiative wants you to Get on Gelert Road

By Angelica Ingram

When local artist April Gates decided to move her home and business to the hamlet of Donald, she was excited about the offerings her new neighbourhood would bring.

A potter who has called the Highlands her home for more than a decade, Gates has long been inspired by the creativity on Gelert Road, which stretches from Haliburton to just north of Kinmount.

"I think that along this road there are a number of people who have things happening," said Gates.

For the past year Gates and a team of people have been working on an initiative to highlight this creativity and showcase the many artisans, business, organizations and recreational opportunities along Gelert Road.

In recent weeks the initiative, titled Get on Gelert, launched a brochure/map that illustrates the offerings along the corridor.

The project started with Gates approaching her neighbours, many of whom she already knew, with the idea.

Many were already on the same page, marketing their businesses through other avenues, such as the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization. They were keen to create a project that not only highlighted themselves but their neighbours.

Local potter April Gates invites you to #GetonGelert, an initiative she spearheaded with area artisans, businesses and organizations to market the Gelert Road from Haliburton to Kinmount. An informative map/brochure, seen here, includes a wide variety of things to see and experience on Gelert Road. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

The idea for Get on Gelert was partially inspired by an earlier project Gates had seen that promoted business and artisans along Highway 118.

"Sandi Luck initiated a brochure called the 118 Wiggle," said Gates. "The whole goal was to let people know about the Art Hive but also to be neighbourly and help promote the route and the other businesses that existed."

Get on Gelert grew from a rack card to a brochure/map once Gates and the other partners realized there were so many things to highlight. About a dozen places are featured, from Sunny Rock B&B to pottery and glassblowing studios, antique shops, Wintergreen Pancake Barn, Snowdon Park, Dahl Forest and much more.

Also showcased on the map is the Rail Trail, which plays a significant role in the area.

"Without the Rail Trail and that railroad being there, we wouldn't be here," said Gates.

Get on Gelert is not just about promoting shopping in the area, but about highlighting heritage buildings and recreational opportunities as well.

"We wanted it to reflect what we feel is the character of the area, which is different from the rest of the county," she said. "You can go for a hike or a paddle. You can go for a yoga session or a latte. You can have some tarts or go for a picnic at Ritchie Falls ... there's a lot of things to do. You could easily make it a day trip or a destination for the weekend. It's more about celebrating what we have in this little pocket and letting people know."

The brochure/map was created by local illustrator Darby Bayly, who brought her own artistic flair to Get on Gelert.

Bayly hand drew the icons for each point of interest, which emphasized the creativity on the route.

"We wanted something that would reflect who we are," said Gates. "We weren't just making a brochure, we were making a brand, we were branding ourselves."

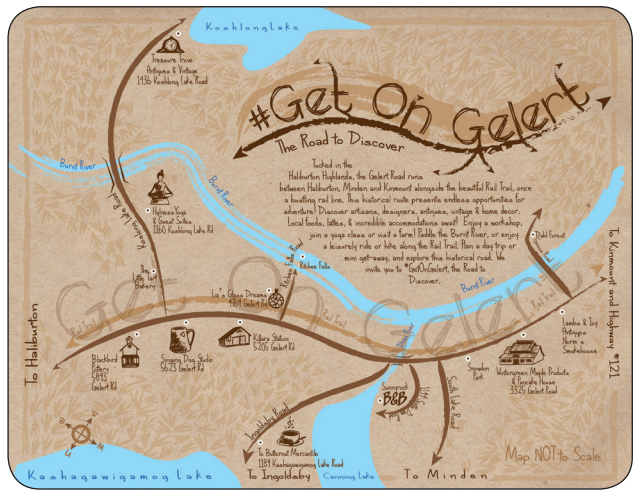
The initiative was a partnership among all the businesses/organizations featured on the map, she said.

"It's all pretty grassroots, much like all of our businesses."

Get on Gelert was a phrase coined by Gates that she began using when she moved into the area.

"It just flows."

Gates's studio, Blackbird Pottery, is in a former schoolhouse, which was converted over the years to become a dwelling. More than 100 years old, the schoolhouse was also a church at one time and a community centre.



A new initiative called Get on Gelert includes the launch of a brochure/map created by local artist Darby Bayly that highlights a number of creative businesses and organizations along Gelert Road, stretching from Haliburton to Minden. Submitted

"It's a perfect place to have a business," she said. "It's close to town and it's already a destination route in that there are points of interest along the route."

Apart from the brochure/map, the initiative has been promoted with the hashtag #GetonGelert and a Facebook page.

The artist is hoping the project expands and includes more points of interest in the future. The map has been distributed all over the county and been well received so far.

The first release of the brochure/map for Get on Gelert included 4,000 copies and a second order has already been placed, exceeding expectations.

"I'm so excited with how it turned out," said Gates. "We love it as a group ... I've had people pop by with the brochure and say 'Who did this? This is an amazing brochure.' Because it's really different, there's nothing like it out there. It's like a little treasure map."

A country evening in Haliburton
Johnny Burke, Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame inductee, delighted the audience at Music in the Park on Tuesday, July 19. The concerts take place at 7 p.m. each Tuesday through the summer and are by donation. HUW MORGAN Special to County Life

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Tentrees comes home to perform

By Darren Lum

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumnus Gordie Tentrees is coming to Kinmount on Aug. 18 for the Music and Barbecue in the Park summer concert series event. The free concert is being held at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park in Kinmount. Photo by Paolo Corradeghini

Once a hawk, always a hawk.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School proud graduate and musician Gordie Tentrees is returning to the Highlands for a performance when he takes the stage in the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18 in Kinmount.

It's part of Kinmount's Music and Barbecue in the Park summer concert series event, sponsored by the Kinmount and District Lions Club and the Kinmount Committee Planning and Economic Development. (They recommend people bring their own lawn chair.)

Tentrees, who is originally from the Bancroft area, is excited to be returning for a performance.

This free concert in the park is part of his Less is More tour, which is named after the album he released last year, his sixth.

The majority of the songs from the album have a theme of overcoming challenges.

"It's always an attractive quality I seek out in hearing stories or songs about people," he said.

The show will feature a lot of slide guitar, harmonica in blues style and include storytelling.

He characterizes his performance as a "one man band" kind of show, which will be in a place he calls home.

> ***"I grew up there and have a connection with the people in Haliburton.***
>
> — Gordie Tentrees

"I grew up there and have a connection with the people in Haliburton [Highlands] so it's going to be neat to come back," he said.

He describes his music as "rural blues," which is perfect for people in smaller communities

"It's funny: it goes over the same as in Australia that it would in Kinmount and different parts of Germany, Holland, Belgium and U.K. as well. I sort of noticed there's the same pocket of people that are interested in the kind music that I play ... it's like finding every Kinmount that you can find around the world, you know?" he said.

In the past, he has written songs with references to the area and the people here.

The opening track, Love and Ink, he said, was written with someone from Haliburton.

It's about a man and his generational family farm and how it was passed on despite challenges.

"We wrote that song together just from him telling me the story, being the recipient of this land and farm. His father passing it on and passing it on from his grandfather. All those kind of things I find are really interesting and appealing. In that case the history of each person's struggle and how they came through it."

Tentrees said his recent album describes his own life.

A few years ago he made a conscious decision to travel less for work and put more into living.

"I was on the road sometimes five months of the year, playing like a 150 shows. It was just becoming quite a lot. I realized that I could do what I was doing just less of it ... and be more strategic about it," he said.

One thing that made him decide to work less was when he and his wife Kelly Proudfoot narrowly escaped harm back in April 15, 2013, when two bombs went off at the finish line of the Boston Marathon.

When the bombs exploded, Tentrees was four blocks away, expecting his wife to have finished the marathon.

"I could not find her as she finished nine minutes before they went off and for some time was not sure if she was hurt or still running. Lucky [for] me she had finished earlier than she had projected," he said.

The explosion left three spectators dead and more than 260 people were wounded.

"We were both just shocked like everyone else. The experience made me think about the parents who raised those kids that set off the bombs and how they must have felt. Hence the song Somebody's Child on my new record," he said in an email.

He still has family and friends in the area and returns to visit. There is something more though about the area that keeps him coming back.

Coincidentally, his wife is familiar with the Kinmount area. She cottaged on the Crystal Lake as a child, visiting from Whitby. Now they rent a cottage on the same lake south of Kinmount for the past three years. He met her in the Yukon and they have been married for a year.

As for his future projects, this coming November while performing in western Canada he'll be recording the concerts for his next album, which is untitled.

His music, he said, has a cross-generational appeal. He describes his shows as "off the cuff" and include storytelling between songs. It makes it exciting for him and his audience. He doesn't believe in having a set list and welcomes the unpredictability.

"I just start talking and sometimes I don't know until a show is over," he said. "But I've learned to do that and roll with it and it's part of my show ... every song has a story and five different ways to tell it or different ways to play different songs."

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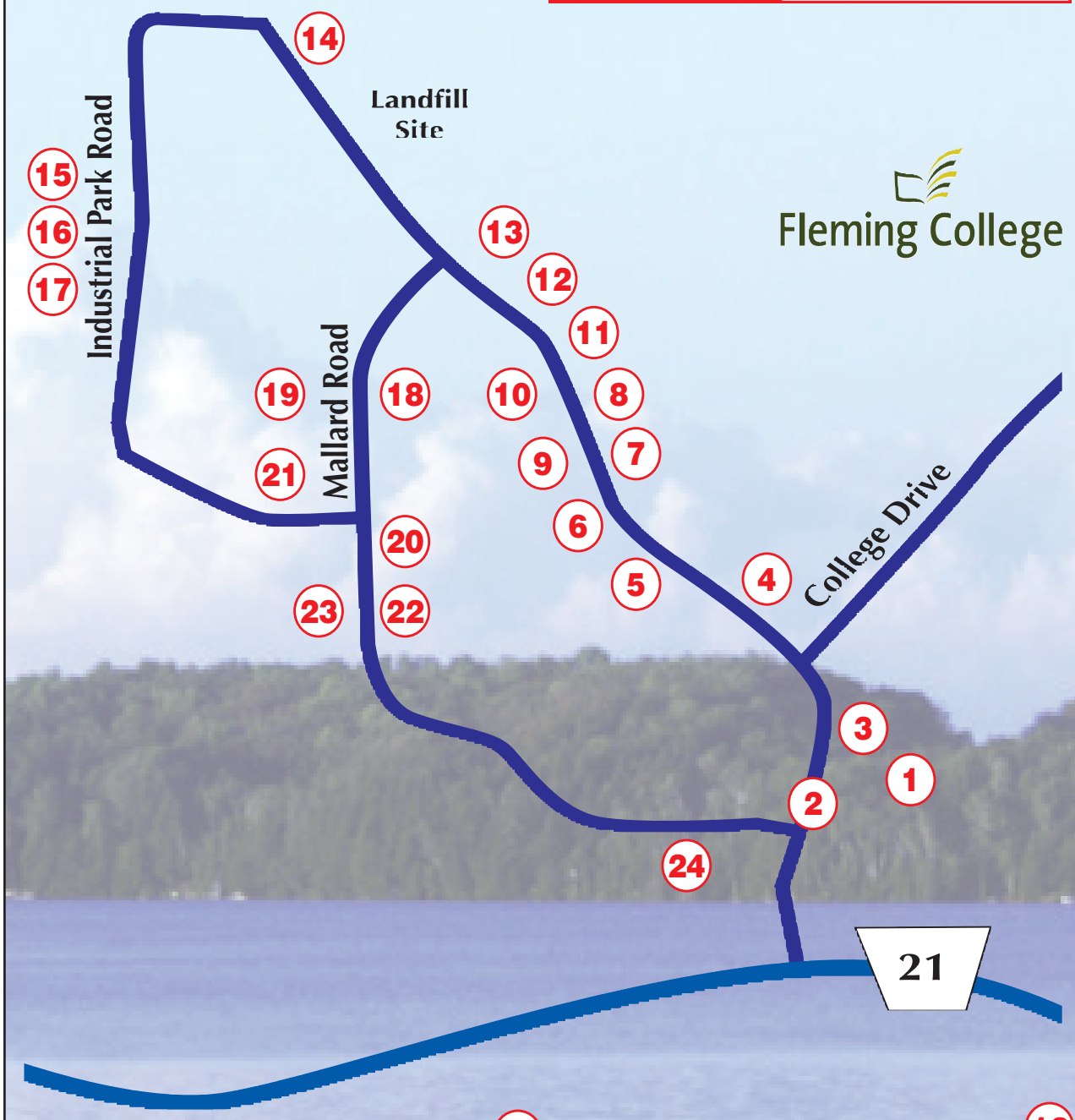

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Agnew's General Store a hub of the community

By Angelica Ingram

This is the second instalment of a feature series on general stores in cottage country.

Agnew's General Store has been a family tradition since 1921.

Founded as a mercantile, it was taken over by Fredrick George Agnew in the 1930s and has been serving the residents and cottagers of Wilberforce for nearly 100 years.

Now run by Fredrick's grandchildren, the store serves the community in a number of ways, from providing grocery items to hardware to a full service post office.

Mary Barker, 62, has been working at the store for as long as she can remember. It was run by her dad, Murray Agnew, and his two brothers Gary and Ross, when she was born.

"Gary died very young," she said. "He was the reeve of the municipality and he died at 46, so my dad kept on with the store. So all of the kids, he had five kids, ended up working here and helping out Dad and Mom."

Barker now runs the store with her two sisters, Cathy and Wynne, and works as the postmistress, following in the footsteps of her dad.

Barker always knew she would be going into the family business, joking there wasn't much choice in the matter.

Now her own grandchildren are helping out, marking the fifth generation to work at Agnew's, whether it be sweeping floors or scooping ice cream.

The long, wooden store stands in the middle of Wilberforce on Loop Road with a friendly facade, offering a little bit of everything.

> ***"We've gone full circle because my grandparents had an ice cream parlour and the ice cream came in on the train packed in dry ice."***
>
> — Mary Barker

Barker says the store used to sell more fresh food and had a butcher and meat counter, however that shrunk over the years once the town got a grocery store.

"We used to sell produce and a lot more groceries, guns, TVs, cigarettes," said Barker. "We're getting more into clothing and giftware."

The store has a garden centre component, which is very popular, as is the ice cream corner.

"We've gone full circle because my grandparents had an ice cream parlour and the ice cream came in on the train packed in dry ice," said Barker.

The store, open year round, is closed on Christmas Day and on Sundays during the winter months. During the summer months the store is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Fourteen-year-old Drew Rupnow is the fifth generation of the Agnew family to work in Agnew's General Store in Wilberforce. Drew scoops out ice cream.

Agnew's General Store, in Wilberforce is a hub of the community, providing food, hardware, giftwares, clothing, a post office and more.

Aside from general items, the store has a unique feature: it contains the Den of the Pusey Lake Pirates, which is dedicated to information and materials on geocaching, a popular tourist attraction in Highlands East.

The original store, which was closer to the corner of Essonville Line and Loop Road, burned down in 1938.

It was a boarding hall and store at the time.

Since being rebuilt, the store has had many additions, expanding the overall size of the store.

In addition to the giftware, the store sells cottage country items, such as signs and Canadian themed decor. There is some clothing for sale, games, puzzles and stuffed animals.

An aisle of housewares offers dishes, small appliances and cookware.

"We've got just about everything you need."

Barker said the store receives a lot of support from both year-round and seasonal residents. She says Wilberforce is a wonderful place to live and the community has always supported the store.

"The cottagers are really good to us," she said. "They really support us and know that they need to support us."

Giftware is one of the most popular items at Agnew's General Store, in Wilberforce. The store has been in business since 1921, founded by Fredrick George Agnew and originally called F.G. Mercantile.
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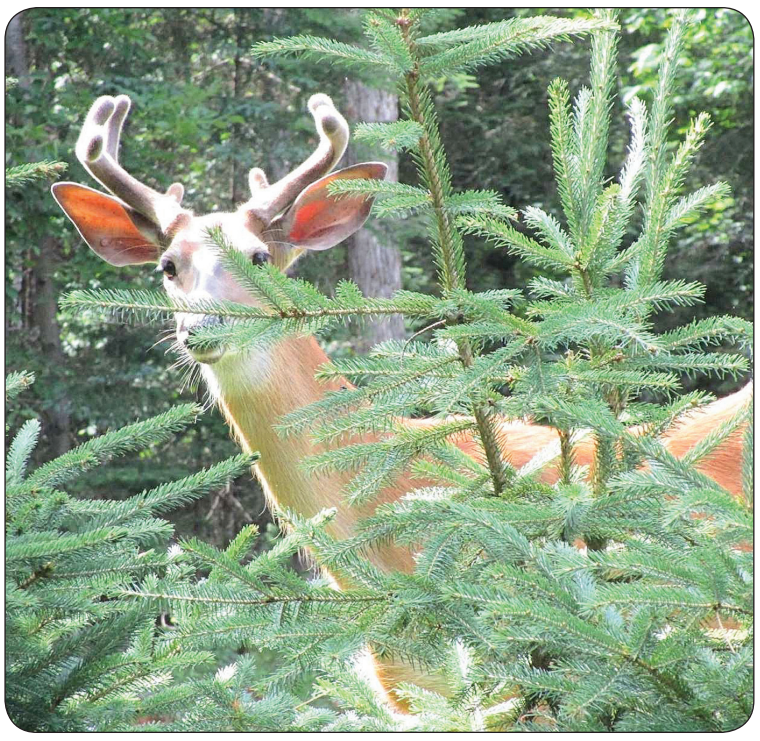

Steve Galea got up close to this deer in Haliburton.

Left, Sue Tierney took this photo of a young buck in Haliburton.

A pileated woodpecker is looking for an after-dinner snack. By Belinda Gallagher

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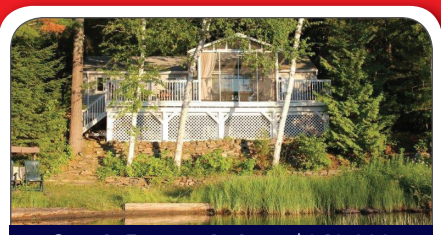

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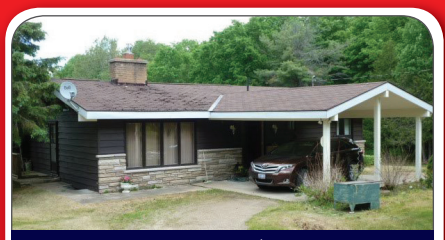

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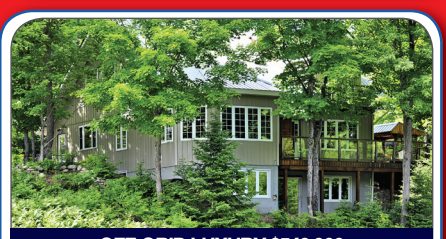

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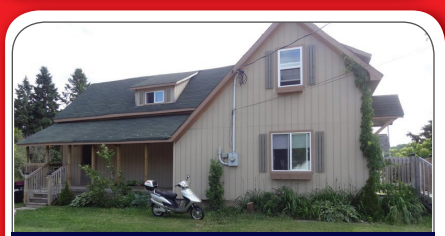

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By Angela Long

Somewhere on Drag Lake, a man sits in a Muskoka chair sipping a single-malt scotch. He's trekked the jungles of Rwanda to meet silver-backed gorillas, flown to Monte Carlo to meet Catherine Zeta-Jones. He's met the Pope (three of them), Elton John, Yasser Arafat. He was there when the Berlin Wall fell, when famine drove Somalians across the plains, when Nelson Mandela was elected president of South Africa. For more than 40 years, Emmy award-winning journalist Allen Pizzey has had what CBS News called a "front row seat to history," but now he just wants to sit and listen to the loons.

He wants to wake at 7 a.m. and paddle along the shoreline. He wants to buy frozen meat pies at the farmers' market. It's been four months since Allen Pizzey relinquished his post as CBS News correspondent – based in Johannesburg for two years, Athens for seven, Rome for 27 – and now he wants to catch up on the news at Steve's Wiener Wagon.

Since the late '80s, Pizzey has spent summers travelling from his home in Rome to his brother's home in Haliburton. In 2007, he began to build something only a Canadian would understand, Pizzey says, a Canadian who grew up in Brantford watching friend after friend leave for an annual pilgrimage up north.

"I'm an Ontario kid," he says. "You dream of cottages."

All roads lead to Rome, but good luck finding Pizzey's cottage. The road twists and rises, then twists again. Dust clouds blur the sky. Gravel pummels the undercarriage. But then there's a clutch of wood lilies, of ox-eyed daisies. Then there's the scent of lakewater. Then there is Pizzey himself, dressed in shorts and a T-shirt, as far from Rome as anyone could get.

"Thank God for that," he says.

He offers coffee or tea, a seat on the screened-in porch. His seat, actually, where every evening he flicks on a reading light, and sips, slowly.

Birds chirp. A chipmunk scolds.

"I love this," he says gesturing toward the lake, the forest. "I just love the rock. I love the water. I love the pine, and I love the peace, and I love the people. I've been to a hundred countries and there's nowhere in the world I'd rather be but here."

The road to Pizzey's cottage is so symbolic of his life as a journalist, it should be renamed. Pizzey isn't just a man who has seen the world – he's felt it – the jarring, the joy.

"If you don't feel it," he says, "if you don't feel people's suffering, the horror that people are going through, you can't report it properly."

And what you feel day after day, war after war, natural disaster after natural disaster, is not as important, says Pizzey, as what the audience feels.

Humphrey Towner, Pizzey's first editor at Argus Africa News Service, taught him this lesson.

"Humphrey said, if you can find a heartstring, pluck it."

Pizzey tells the story of a woman in Ethiopia with a baby on her back, sitting down to die. "She was starving," he says, "she was done." His cameraman walked off in tears. "It's not your job to cry, I told him. Let's make millions cry."

There are other stories. Too many of them.

"There are things buried in my mind that I won't sit here and tell you because I can't," Pizzey says, "because you wouldn't understand and I wouldn't want to burden you with it anyway."

But it's worth it, he says, stopping to listen as two kayakers pass. It's worth it because without journalists, the world's stories would go untold.

"If you do it right, politicians and people can't say they didn't know, because they did. We told you so. You knew bad things were going on and people were suffering and dying, and unjust wars were being fought. You knew. We told you. We showed you."

Pizzey showed us. He showed us war zones, genocides, terrorist attacks, famines, earthquakes, tsunamis. He showed us the face of a Bosnian refugee, Yasmina, a little girl who'd witnessed executions, whose father was imprisoned in a cattle shed with 1,500 others.

And Pizzey was shown something in return.

"I think my favourite person I ever met was Yasmina," he says. "It's the ordinary people that have impressed me most. The people who will just keep bloody going."

Multiple award-winning journalist Allen Pizzey relaxes at his cottage on Drag Lake. Pizzey, CBS News correspondent since 1980 and print journalist since 1975, retired in late March and plans to spend a lot more time on this deck. For 27 years, Pizzey has been based in Rome, but the ancient capital just can't compete with the call of the loons and the smell of pine. ANGELA LONG Staff

A motorboat goes by. Waves lap against the shore.

"When you sit here on this deck and look out at all the things we have, it's so far removed. They could never imagine this. You think, if I was reduced to that I'd probably just stick my head in the sand and stop breathing. But they don't. They keep on going."

Not only do they keep on going, they keep on giving, says Pizzey.

"Those who have the least give the most. They give you what they have."

They offer you bread when they've just escaped the Serbian army and sit in the mud and the rain on a piece of plastic. They offer you a handful of gemstones when their livelihood has been washed away by a tsunami in Sri Lanka. They offer you coffee when their house has been "blasted to smithereens" by an Israeli shell.

"I think what impressed me most over my whole career is the indomitable human spirit and generosity," Pizzey says.

It's been a career that won't be easy to walk away from. After so many years of living abroad, where home was "a place I came to change my clothes and repack my suitcase," Pizzey says he retired "gently." Five years ago he negotiated a deal with CBS to work a guaranteed 100 days a year.

"I knew I couldn't go cold turkey and just quit. It's not easy. You live on adrenaline for 40 years – it's a hard drug to give up."

From what Pizzey describes as a typical work day, he was hooked on something much stronger than adrenaline. Imagine when work means getting a phone call that begins "how fast can you get to –." Imagine when commuting means "riding in a rattletrap helicopter piloted by people who shouldn't even be in charge of a bicycle," flying 50 feet above the canopy during a tropical rainstorm, fuel tank leaking, chickens squawking. Imagine a boss who tells you, "If you get killed on the job, you've already been fired."

But work also meant flying with Pope Francis to Cuba, spending the day with Andrea Bocelli, going on an elephant safari, learning how to make Parmigiano-Reggiano, and did he mention Catherine Zeta-Jones?

"God, she's beautiful," Pizzey says. "Just mesmerizing."

On a traditional walk through, when the Pope chats with the journalists accompanying him on his travels, retired CBS News correspondent Allen Pizzey, left, and Pope Francis share a few moments high above Italy en route to the United States.

Pizzey could never have imagined such a career when blasting rocks in Prince Rupert, or selling soap for Proctor and Gamble ("the worst job of my life"). If it weren't for a 27-year-old guy following a girl he'd met hitchhiking in Europe all the way to a South African newspaper, Pizzey never would have learned that having a front row seat to history would mean viewing the raw footage of humanity. There's no stronger drug for a man looking to pluck heartstrings.

"I can't think of a better way to have spent 43 years," he says. "I just can't."

But now it's time to sit back in a Muskoka chair, enveloped in birdsong and pine.

"It's not easy to quit," he says. "It defines who you are."

Drag Lake glitters through the trees. After nearly three hours of talking, Pizzey grows quiet. This is how he'll spend the next few weeks until his partner Dee and son Alexander arrive.

Unless he receives one of those phone calls – it's already happened once.

"It was 59 hours and 10 minutes after my official retirement, which was March 19 at midnight," Pizzey says. "The phone rang. 'How fast can you get to Brussels?' the London bureau chief said."

Pizzey said he'd cover the Brussels terrorist bombings for one day. He stayed for 10.

"But it would take one hell of a story to get me out of here," he says.

Mom, wow!

Marci Mandel
On The White Trail

My 3½-year-old granddaughter is learning to read and was showing me how her daddy taught her to recognized the word "the." I would read a story and she would pick out the "the's" and "read" them out loud. Being a writer, I love words and find them fun to play with, so when we came to the word "mom," I pointed out how, if you turned the book upside down, it became the word "wow." Every time we read the book, and we read it a lot that weekend, we would read the word mom and turn the book around and read the word wow. Mom, wow! And she would laugh. And I would laugh. Mom-wow! Ha ha ha. All weekend it was mom-wow and laughter!

How simple and fascinating life can be.

"Be like children," the sages say. Find wonder around you and in you, and you'll never grow old.

I wonder.

These days, actually, there's lots to wonder about. Being curious about innocence can seem a ridiculous waste of time when the other reality that's happening around the world right now – the violence and chaos and abuse – seem far more significant, far more important. Funny, if we choose to live only focused on the innocence, we are accused of living with our head in the sand, too soft, and outrageously out of touch. Yet if we are fully focused on the terror, glued to the news and rhetoric, we are considered educated, even though we are denying the wonder that abounds and enlightens us as well. Hmm, curious.

Lately, I've been trying to sit and be present with both. They are both true, the innocence and the terror, so is it necessary to judge one to be better than the other?

Sitting with both ends of the spectrum is not the same as sitting in the middle. Sitting on the fence is with-drawing, not participating. This is an honourable place as it can give a new perspective and a time to reflect. (Nothing is all good or all bad.)

Opening to all possibilities and having room to respect all, however, is such a strange concept we can barely wrap our heads around it. How do we live with paradox in a you're-with-us-or-against-us world? But as the cultures blend and science and the Internet introduce us to expanding visions, our curiosity is being piqued. Hot and cold doesn't have to equal warm anymore, hot and cold can equal hot with cold – or Sweet Heat, as Kawartha Dairy named their newest ice cream flavour. The more we write about paradoxes, sing and joke about them, the more comfortable we become around them. And the more we can harmonize with all possibilities, the healthier, happier, more abundant and free we will be.

So how do we acclimatize to this evolving way? Are there books? Are there organizations? Are there apps? Probably yes to all since we humans are always wanting something new to buy to make us "better." Are they necessary? No, not really.

The most courageous and boldest act we can partake in is simply to smile. Smiling at someone is a sign of recognition. It is an act of harmonizing. It's telling the other "I see you. I see the pain you're in or fun you're having and I'm with you. You are beautiful and I'm with you." How does it get better than that? Feeling safe and connected is what we all want and smiling does that. Mother Teresa said: "We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do."

No wonder I love being around my grandchildren. Kids smile, on average, around 400 times a day whereas adults only smiles about 20 times. Too bad for adults because science has proven those who smile more are less stressed and sleep better. Hmm, curious. No wonder the sages tell us to be more like children.

Yes, there is horror around us. There is no denying it. But there is also so much wonder too. Let's not deny that either.

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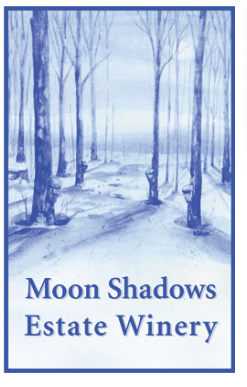

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Is my dog at risk of Lyme disease in the Highlands?

We are getting more and more calls at the Minden Animal Hospital asking about ticks, owners wondering what the risks are to their dogs, what prevention they should be using and worried about their dog contracting Lyme disease.

Ticks are relatively new to our area, and every year we are seeing more and more of them. There's a good explanation for this – they are a hardy species and once they have migrated into an area, they are here to stay. Migration occurs by being carried on an animal – domestic or wild mammal or birds. Ticks have exceptional reproductive capacity, with the females laying up to 2,000 eggs at once! Adults survive the winter, males remaining on their host and females will bury themselves under leaves and debris, so even our coldest winters don't deter them.

Without going into all the details of the life cycle, the basics include the eggs hatching into larvae, which feed on a small host, the larvae then falls off and molts into a nymph (think teenager with less hormones), which feeds on a slightly bigger host, falls off and then molts into an adult. This transformation takes approximately two years. Adults come out of "hibernation" to feed when there's often still snow on the ground! This is the time you need to start thinking about tick prevention.

It is helpful to know where Lyme disease comes from in order to understand how your dog can become infected. Lyme disease is transmitted by a tick called *Ixodes scapularis*, commonly known as the deer tick. The larvae or nymph stages become infected when they feed off of an infected white-footed mouse. The areas where Lyme disease are endemic are the areas the infection is endemic in the mouse population. When the infected tick bites your dog (or you), it injects an anti-coagulant into them, so that the blood doesn't clot, and it can continue feeding. It is at this time, when they will regurgitate the Lyme bacteria into your dog. The good news is that it takes at least 48 hours for this to occur; therefore, this is our key window for prevention.

Lyme disease is caused by a bacterium, known as a spirochete, because of its shape. It can change its outer proteins, and it is these outer proteins that our immune system relies on to identify invaders and destroy them. It is also what scientists rely on to differentiate bacteria from each other when testing or creating vaccines. Because of this, Lyme bacterium is called a master of disguise. As well, once infected, the animal or human is infected for life.

There are some important differences regarding infection in people versus dogs. Infected people have an 80 per cent chance of developing clinical signs. Symptoms include a red target-like lesion, flu-like illness, followed by joint pain, occasionally neurological signs and rarely heart arrhythmias. In people clinical signs usually present within the first few weeks of being bitten by the tick.

Dogs only have a 10 per cent chance of becoming ill after being infected. The majority of dogs will never show signs of illness, although will remain infected (the bacteria present in their system), usually for life. The dogs that do become ill, however, take weeks to months before showing symptoms. Signs mainly include fever for a few days or intermittent arthritis. Neurological signs or heart issues are very rare. In some dogs, a more serious illness occurs that is associated with the kidneys. Immune-mediated complexes (clumps of antibodies) get lodged in the kidneys and cause damage. It often takes months to years for this to occur, which makes it difficult to treat and hard to associate to Lyme disease.

Some people have wondered if their dog gave them Lyme disease. This is very unlikely, and what typically happens is co-infection. When walking your dog through the bush, both of you get bitten by ticks that are both carrying Lyme disease (in endemic areas, it is very common for numerous ticks to be carrying the bacteria).

Treatment in dogs can be relatively easy and typically consists of a month of antibiotics. The challenging aspect is determining which dogs need to be treated. Arthritis is the most common clinical sign, but shows up months after being bitten by a tick and is often associated with aging, rather than Lyme disease. By the time kidney disease shows up years later, the thought of a tick bite (if known) is a distant memory.

Prevention of ticks is the best course of action to protect your dog. Ticks can cause painful or irritating swelling at the insertion site. If removed improperly, the mouthparts of the tick can create an abscess. Some ticks are small and we may never notice them, but can still infect your pet with diseases. Although Lyme disease, or other tick-borne illnesses, are not endemic in our area at this time, the environment is constantly changing and chances are high that we will be affected one day.

Checking you and your dogs each day and removing any ticks immediately is the best prevention. At Minden Animal Hospital we have several products that can aid in killing ticks and we recommend their use from March through until November as an added measure of protection.

Written by Dr. Jennifer Morrow

To hear more useful information for lake lovers, tune in to Canoe FM to hear Highlands Cottage, a segment with news from cottagers' associations, environmental topics and cottage living tips. It runs Friday at 4:30 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

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NEXT WEEK
Friday, August 5th
Jeff Moulton
Folk and Country Singer

Lake Calendar

To include your lake association's events in this free listing, email them to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Kids Bingo
Starts Tuesday July 12 7 p.m., ends Tuesday Aug. 16
Location: HLCA Hall, 5041 Haliburton Lake Road
Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association

Rock Bass Fishing Derby
Starts: Sunday, July 24, ends Sunday, Aug. 14 weigh in 12 to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Public Beach South End Haliburton Lake, Hodgson Road
Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottage Association

HLCA Regatta
When: Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m.
Location: Public Beach South End Haliburton Lake, Hodgson Road, more info on our website haliburtonlake.com
Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottage Association

Annual General Meeting
When: Saturday, July 30 at 10 a.m.
Where: Irondale Community Centre
The purpose of an AGM is to give members a report on the SDLCA's activities and finances for the previous year, to allow time for members to ask questions, and to elect members of your governing body (e.g. board or committee members) for the coming year. Join us and share your ideas, thoughts and opinions and keep informed on SDLCA initiatives and community events. This year we will be celebrating our 50th year of actively supporting our lake community.
Submitted by Salerno Lake Association

Ced Hurd Memorial Swim
Location: Leinauer's Beach to Curry's Beach
Date: Saturday, July 30
Registration: 9 a.m. Race Start: 10 a.m.
Coordinators: Aimee Fink 519-240-5402; Christine Young 705-457-3622
Location : Leinauer's Beach
Please check our website (dragandsprucelakes.ca) in case there are changes to times, locations or events.
Submitted by Drag & Spruce Lakes Property Owners' Association

Novelty Swim Day
Saturday July 30
Location: Podmore Beach Time 2 p.m.
Coordinators: Kristen and Kylie Booth; Please bring your kayaks with you.
Please check our website (http://dragandsprucelakes.ca/) in case there are changes to times, locations or events.
Submitted by Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners' Association

Annual Picnic
July 30 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Held at Pine Springs Resort, Hwy. 35, (approximately 2.5 k north of Ox Narrows) There will be a bbq, many land and water races for all ages, including the infamous tug-a-war between east and west Kushog Lake home owners. Submitted by Kushog lake Property Owner Association

Youth Lake Race
When: Sunday July 31
SDLCA is pleased to announce a fun race to introduce the idea of racing to our youth aged six to 12. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. at the boat launch. Race starts at 11 a.m. Course is planned from the Boat Launch to the Diving Tower (weather permitting) Cost is $5 per craft (entrants must be an SDLCA member or affiliated with a member) Categories will be kayak or canoe. We will have staggered starts by age group and the first to cross under the finish rope for each category is the winner. Fun, fun, fun for all! We look forward to seeing the parents line the course to cheer on the children.
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7:00 p.m.	Pony Pull Live Music - Joyful Noise & Friends Ball Hockey (bring your own stick) Arena

Saturday, August 6th

9:00 a.m.	Gates Open Tractor Parade opens the Fair NEW! Lions Club Breakfast Menu Meet the Animals Homecraft Exhibits Bouncy Castle Game Zone - BIG outdoor games
10:00 a.m.	Horse Drawn Wagon Rides Kid's World Activities Open Pitch Burst NEW! Sheep Sheering Demos NEW! -See posted times Scarecrow Building Contest-Outside Nail Driving Contest-Outside High Striker Penny Raffle
11:00 a.m.	Live Stage Show-Gord Kidd & Friends Pedal Tractor Pull - Tennis Courts Food Booths Corn on the Cob
1:00 p.m.	Frog Show -Kid's World Tent
2:00 p.m.	Light Horse Draw followed by Heavy Horse Draw
2:30 p.m.	Penny Raffle Drawing & Sweet Auction - Curling Club
5:00 p.m.	Roast Beef Dinner - Lloyd Watson Center, Adults $15
9:00 p.m.	Stories & Songs of Stompin'Tom LWC, $25 (see page 38)

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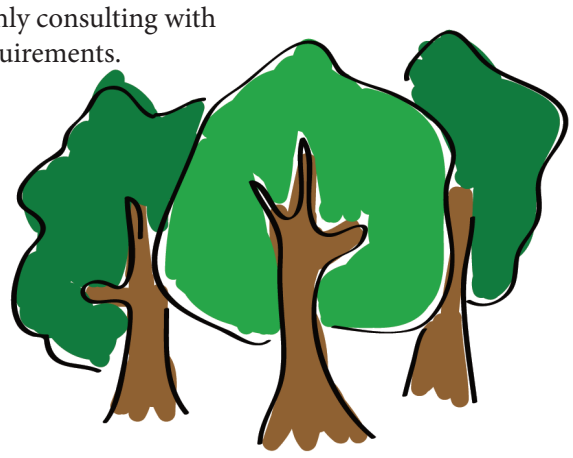

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Water Lilies transcends and unites

By Jenn Watt

When the world was at war, French painter Claude Monet was in his gardens at Giverny, painting. It wasn't a retreat, artist and instructor Andrea Mossop says, rather the famed artist was fighting back with his paintbrush, creating his most iconic works: Water Lilies.

On July 20, Mossop spent an hour taking audience members through Monet's life, his gardens and his Water Lilies, a mural viewed in the round at Musée de l'Orangerie in Paris.

Mossop's talk was part of the weekly series offered at Haliburton School of Art and Design in the great hall, which is typically filled with summer students visiting the Highlands to learn a new skill and draw inspiration from the landscape. What better artist and painting to examine than Monet's Water Lilies with a group immersed in nature and art?

Monet created the Water Lilies mural beginning in 1916 and worked on it through to the 1920s.

France's history has been an unsteady one, Mossop pointed out, with much uncertainty, turmoil and violence. At the time Water Lilies was created, France was engaged in the First World War.

Creating beautiful things is important in the face of destruction and violence, Mossop said.

The garden, on the other hand, offered abundance, life and extravagance. Monet was a gardener first, she said, with a large estate in Normandy which he expanded during his time there to include Japanese style water gardens – the subject of 250 paintings over 20 years.

> ***"There's something about water ... It immediately has a physically calming sensation on us."***
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> — Andrea Mossop

Artist and instructor Andrea Mossop explained the history and importance of Claude Monet's Water Lilies at Haliburton School of Art and Design's art talk on Wednesday, July 20, in Haliburton. JENN WATT Staff

At the same time as the country was entering war, Monet's life became fraught with tragedy. In 1911, his partner Alice died followed in 1914 by the death of his son, Jean.

"Monet fights back with the paintbrush," Mossop said. He turned back to the garden and work for solace – and promised Water Lilies to the the nation of France during a time of war.

"If they could build this painting that was the garden immortalized then they could give that to people," Mossop said.

French prime minister Georges Clemenceau is said to have told Monet: "France has lost its sense of who she is and I want you to paint a painting that will remind her of all that she is."

The idea was always to create the paintings on a large scale and a room was created expressly for that purpose. The viewer is expected to be surrounded by the images and to turn in the centre of the room like a lilypad in a pond.

Mossop recalled for the crowd her visit to Musee de l'Orangerie. It was nearing the end of the day, and she arrived just half an hour before closing. She managed to convince the attendant at the entrance that she needed to get in, despite the hour, and had to gallop to the far end of the gallery to make it to Water Lilies.

"It is a sacrilege to run through a gallery of that calibre," she said. But when she got there she found the crowds had already left, and she was alone in the room for 20 minutes: "a rare and extraordinary experience."

The paintings are not clear up close, which some attribute to Monet's cataracts, but Mossop argues is an evolution of his painting technique.

As an impressionist, Monet was concerned with emotion and light above realism and precision. Up close, the lilypads are "scrubby" and messy, Mossop says, with a physicality in his brushstrokes and layers of paint that mimick the layers of a pond.

The viewer is wrapped in the painting, she said, which presents the pond through the stages of the day from the warm colours of a setting sun to the light pastels of a calm afternoon.

"There's something about water," Mossop said, giving a nod to the Haliburton landscape so many of the artists had come to work within. "It catches the light. It immediately has a physically calming sensation on us." But it's also hard to capture, with the surface, reflections, and murky bottom.

Though Monet tended his own gardens, he did employ workers, one of whom was tasked with washing the water lilies in the morning before the artist had finished his breakfast. Dusty lilypads don't inspire in the same way clean ones do.

Water Lilies is not an overtly nationalistic creation, Mossop said, but it does have a strong message.

"It was a journey together and it was a shared vision together, not just of a painting or an artform, but of what a people were about and what a place was about and a nation was about and even hanging on to their republican vision of what liberty for the people was about," she said. "They are holding to this ideal and this image."

Art talks are Wednesdays at HSAD from 4:45 to 6 p.m. They are free. Next up is Rosemary VanderBreggen on July 27, Kate Carder-Thompson on Aug. 3 and Robert Bateman on Aug. 10.

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Wilderness School
When: Wednesdays in July in August, 1:30-3:30pm
Kids aged seven and up are invited to join Corina Mansfield of Deep Roots Adventure to learn camping, navigation and survival skills in Glebe Park. $5/child per week. Pre-registration required.

More fun events and programs are being added to the museum's schedule all the time! Check out our website, find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter to find out the latest!

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When: August 11th and 12th, 10:00am-12:00pm
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The Haliburton Highlands Museum is located at 66 Museum Rd. (off Bayshore/118 in Glebe Park)
For more information on any of the events please contact
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Festival of August Moon offers unique beauty

By Darren Lum

With the sun setting and the full moon rising overhead, the Gull River will glow with flickering candlelight from a flotilla of lanterns. Adorned with Japanese symbols and images, painted by people to honour loved ones who have passed on, the lanterns are part of the upcoming Festival of the August Moon.

This is arguably one of the most unique events in the county and it is returning to Minden.

On Thursday, Aug. 18, the public is welcome to learn about Japanese culture with several activities starting at 3 p.m. at the Wild Swan Bed and Breakfast at 65 Invergordon Ave. in Minden.

Although its founder Marc Shroetter is not able to run the event this year, the committee is taking over.

Its treasurer Jeanne Anthon said this event, sponsored by the Haliburton County Community Co-operative is important to the community, for not just its visual spectacle, but the universal importance people place on their loved ones who have died.

Anthon has launched her own lantern and understands the experience.

"It's an experience unlike any other as far as watching a lantern that you have painted with your special symbols or artistic work and knowing that that represents people you care for," she said. "It's a most unique feeling of community, sharing that precious moment with so many others and the drifting away of the lanterns down the river to me is symbolic of still caring and still remembering."

The event itinerary is similar to last year, but new this year is the demonstration of Japanese brush painting with the Haliburton School of Art and Design's Cassandra Wyszkowski, who is an instructor of a summer course in Japanese brush painting.

Wyszkowski is a member of the Sumi-e Artists of Canada and has more than 30 years of professional teaching and painting experience. She has taught at the Haliburton school every summer since 1976.

The event also includes an opening ceremony, Japanese children's games, Japanese folk tales, face painting with Melissa Alfano by donation, origami paper folding, a tea ceremony with Aya Takata in the Wild Swan, Japanese food catered by the Wild Swan, a tai chi demonstration, painting of lanterns, parasols, fans and masks for nominal fee and traditional Japanese dancing from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. followed by the lantern launching ceremony before sunset at the walking bridge in Minden across from the Wild Swan.

"There's nothing like it. As far as I know there might be one other ceremony in Canada, but ... it's a very rare kind of festival in Canada and certainly in Ontario so it's a once a lifetime," Anthon said.

For more information see www.facebook.com/mindenlanternfestival or call Kay Millard at 705-286-6635 or email kathleenmillard61@sympatico.ca for details. Sponsors are welcomed.

Hundreds will line the shores of the Gull River on Thursday, Aug. 18, for the Festival of the August Moon in Minden. File photo

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Auction to include Bateman art

Fleming College's Haliburton Campus will host the annual Haliburton School of Art and Design Faculty Art Auction on Thursday, Aug. 11.

The event will feature many works of art up for bidding in both live and silent auctions. All art has been created and generously donated by artists who are, or have been, faculty members at HSAD. In the past, artists such as John Leonard, Rod Prouse, Rob Stimpson, Chuck O'Neil, Susan Watson-Ellis, Bruce Lepper and Wayne Hill have donated pieces for the auction.

This year a special item will be up for bidding. During his three-day summer workshop at the campus, renowned artist Robert Bateman will create a demonstration painting. The work will be available for purchase at the event, with Bateman then putting the final touches on the original piece following the auction. Bateman fans will not want to miss the opportunity to own this unique piece of artwork created at HSAD.

All net proceeds from the event support art students at the Haliburton Campus through the scholarship and bursary program at Fleming College.

The event begins at 5 p.m. with a preview of the auction items. The live auction takes place at 7 p.m. A number of silent auction items will also be available to bid on until 7 p.m. The campus is located at 297 College Drive in Haliburton.

Admission is free and the auction is open to the public. Guests are encouraged to arrive early to browse through the items and find a seat at the auction. As in previous years, organizers anticipate it will be standing room only. All auction purchases are payable by Visa, MasterCard, cash or cheque.

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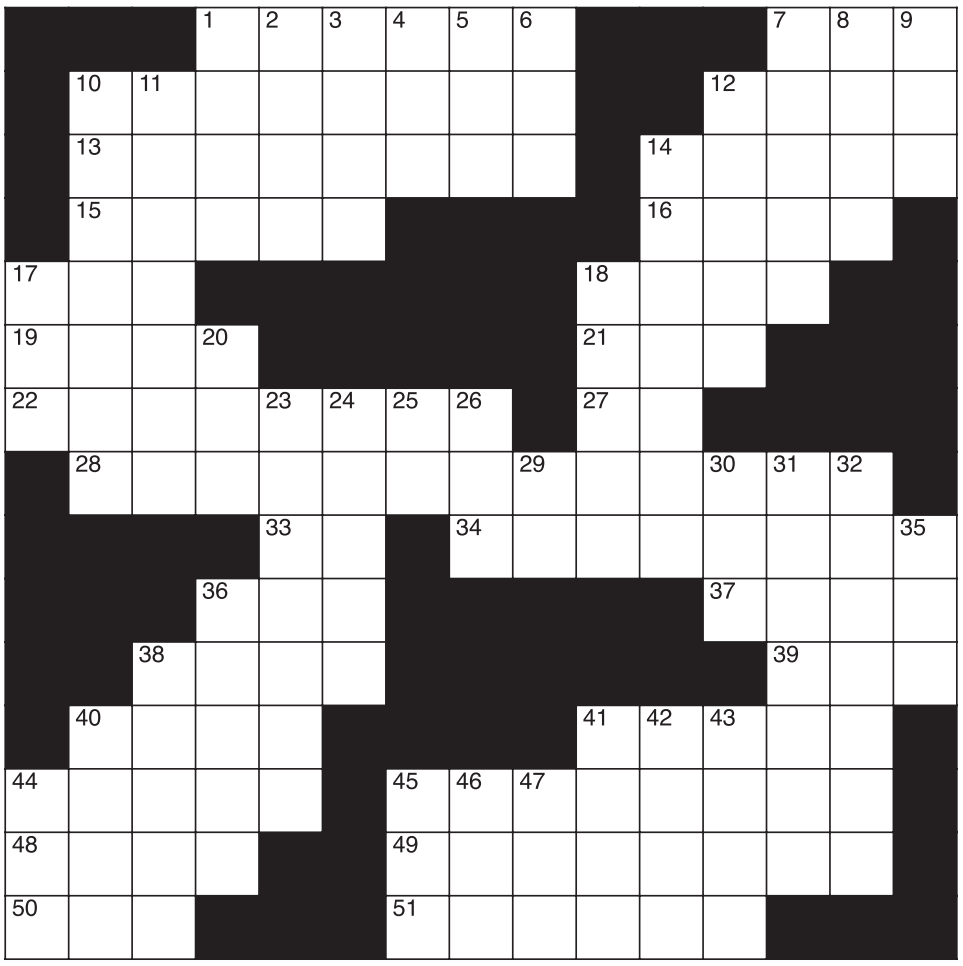

CLUES ACROSS
1. Fulmar
7. Maple fluid
10. Most saponaceous
12. Icelandic island
13. Stressed pronunciation
14. Ginseng genus
15. Seizes
16. Loose Arab garments
17. Title of respect
18. Operatic solo
19. Fleur-de-lis flower
21. Pad used as a floor covering
22. Sine curve
27. In the year of Our Lord
28. Day or sleep away supervisor
33. Carrier's invention
34. Infant bed
36. Fiddler crabs
37. English monk 672-735 (alt. sp.)
38. Precise and prudish
39. The beak of a bird
40. Point that is one point N of NE
41. Blighia sapida
44. Russian political prison camp
45. Unselfishness
48. Arabian Gulf
49. Unsupported
50. Thieving bird
51. Alarm and dismay

CLUES DOWN
1. Cigarette bundle
2. Fencing sword
3. Cannisters
4. A way to drench
5. Point midway between E and SE
6. Confined condition (abbr.)
7. Yemen capital
8. Actresses Ortiz & Alicia
9. Photographs
10. Exposing folly to ridicule
11. Egg-shaped instrument
12. Established custom
14. St. Patrick's, Macy's or Rose
17. Female sibling
18. Gather lots together
20. Total
23. Allowance for intervals
24. Medieval philosopher
25. Jupiter satellite
26. Invest with knighthood
29. Sodium
30. Women's __ movement
31. Singleness
32. Saves or delivers
35. The bill in a restaurant
36. Of a city
38. Former name of Belau
40. Class of comb jellies
41. Height x width
42. Pick out from others
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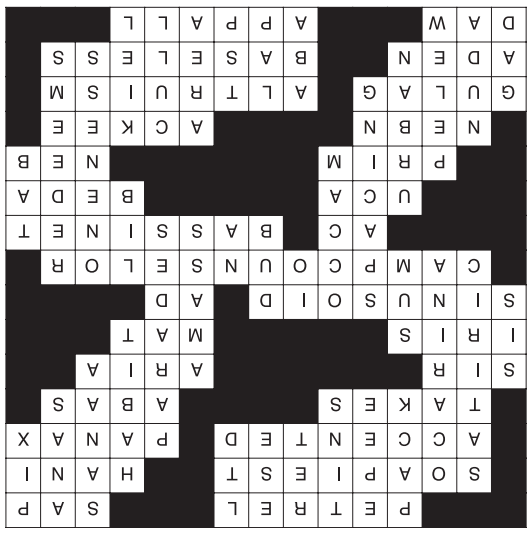

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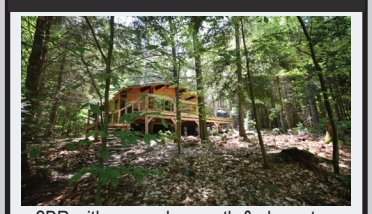

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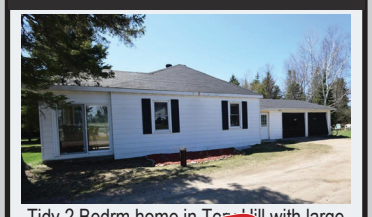

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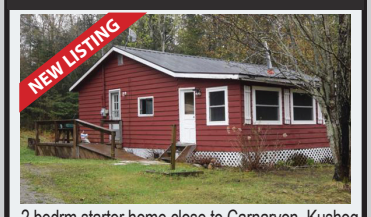

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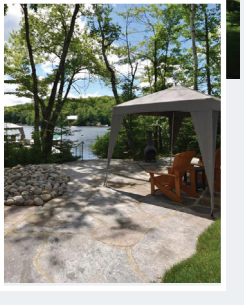

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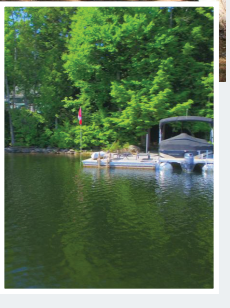

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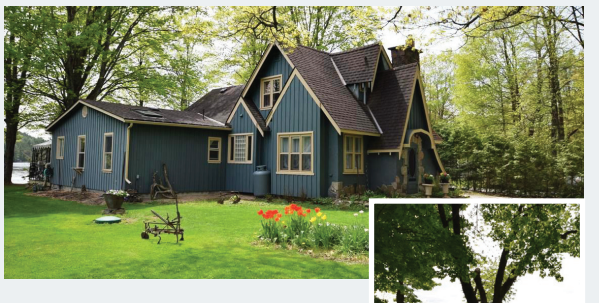

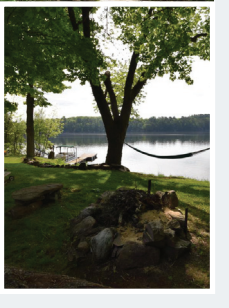

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Bessie Sullivan
Library CEO

We knew when it was built that it was special. How could it not be when it took so much collaboration to make it happen? The old Wilberforce library branch could not be made accessible so the Municipality of Highlands East wanted a new branch. The Haliburton County Public Library wanted a new branch because the old one, according to provincial guidelines, was too small. Enter Fleming College, which could build an interesting building using students in their Sustainable Building Design and Construction Program at an affordable cost to the municipality. Pat Marcotte who owns HavenCraft Designs in Bancroft, was an instructor with the program and designed the building.

An enthusiastic group of fundraisers called the Library Launchers began planning almost right away to raise funds for shelving and furniture of the branch. This was in the fall of 2012. The building was built, the funds were raised and the library branch opened in the spring of 2014. Fast forward to this month and the building has won a library architecture award. Many of the award jury comments revolved around the notion of community and how the drive of several organizations with limited resources has resulted in a well-loved community hub.

I came to this community in 2009 for a job. I believed that it would be a stepping stone for me; I'd stay for a few years, get some experience, and move onto a bigger library system. That was my thinking before I arrived. I figured I'd have trouble making friends knowing it was a close knit community and people were already set in their relationships. I didn't know how my children or husband would adjust. Now more than seven years later I and they are deeply entrenched. We have all made wonderful friends here. I feel like the Wilberforce branch represents everything good about Haliburton County and everything I have grown to love.

Recently my father-in-law died and neither my husband nor I said much about it, other than to our workplaces and closest friends. Through the community grapevine we were inundated with offers of support. My father-in-law isn't even local, he lived in Cornwall. We had a friend offer to come feed our cats while we were away. Another friend, knowing that our son was in the Highland Summer Festival's production of *Oliver* and had to come back right after the funeral for a dress rehearsal, volunteered to meet us halfway so the rest of the family could stay in Cornwall. Besides these things we were sent or hand delivered many cards of condolences and messages of support. The whole experience made us feel valued and cared for by our community. This is not the first crisis that the people of Haliburton have gotten me through and probably not the last.

The Wilberforce branch was one of five out of 14 submissions to win an award. It was honoured along with two branches of the Toronto Public Library, Centennial College, and Ryerson University. It was clear that our project stood out as it was the smallest, the cheapest, and the only one not in a city. It won because it exemplified the three criteria of the award: societal advancement, technical advancement and environmental advancement. That our library was able to triumph amongst such stiff competition is a testament of the unique nature of the people of Haliburton County who habitually come together and create something out of nothing in the most impressive ways.

Ten more things you'll never hear in Haliburton County

Living Large

Humour by Steve Galea

Haliburton County is a wonderful and exciting place, filled with breath-taking scenery, quiet lakes, stunning sunsets and a fantastic array of flora and fauna. But, if you ask me, the thing that really makes this place special is the people who live and visit here.

The very act of being in Haliburton changes your outlook to something that's shaped by the landscape. As a result, there are a few sentences you will rarely hear repeated in this county.

Here are 10:

1. Two-wheel drive is all you need.
2. The boy is three and he can't sharpen his own chainsaw?
3. Park the snow plow. I feel like shovelling this driveway by hand.
4. Forget shore lunch; I brought quiche and Perrier!
5. I'm going to walk over there and reason with that bear.
6. So what does venison taste like?
7. Has anyone seen my bowtie?
8. Honestly, I don't have anything in camouflage.
9. It's just a short downhill walk.
10. I'll have the tofu, thanks.

WHAT ARE YOUR SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS?

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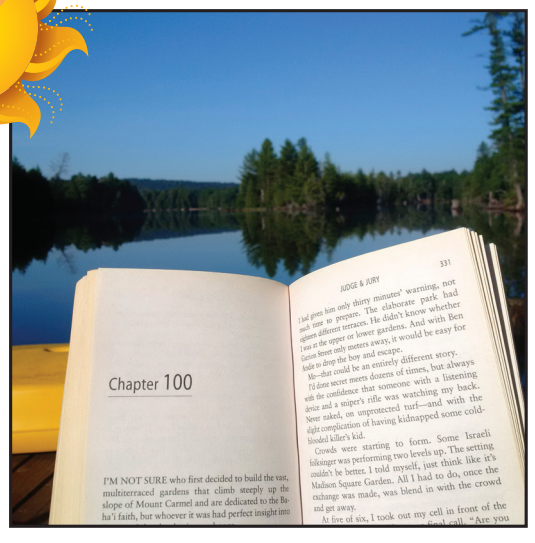

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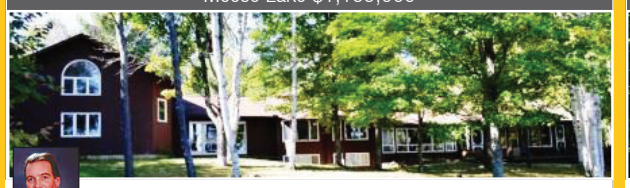

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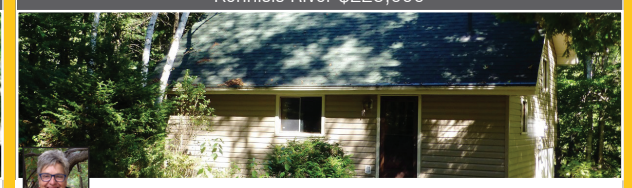
- Fabulous 4 plus bdrm, 4 bath, open concept living area, 3 bay garage
- Massive screen room, extensive lake views, exceptional privacy

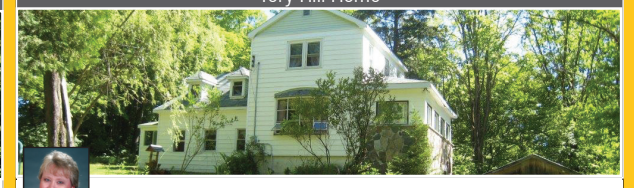
Kennisis River $225,000



Dagmar Boettcher**
489-9968

- Year round home,1000 sf, 2 bdrm, 1 bathroom w/ large living room
- Detached garage w/ bunkie/studio, great for kayaking, canoeing & swim

Tory Hill Home



Janice Brookes*
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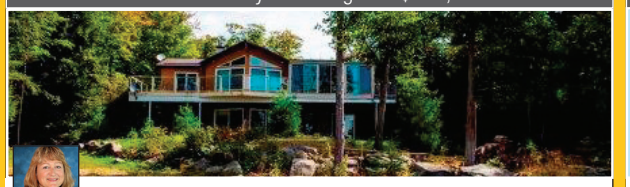
- 3 bdrm country home w/new septic coming!
- Great Layout and charming home! $159,000

Custom Viceroy - Canning lake $849,900



Kim Butt*
286-2138 x31

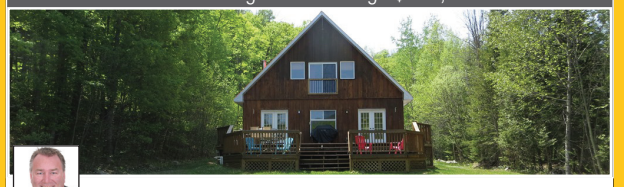
- Private cottage 3.9 acres with 5 Lake chain boating
- 3450 Sq Ft, open concept living & 4 bdrms, 3 full baths

Commercial Lot – West Guilford $124,900

Gloria Carnochan*
754-1932

- 244.86' front 184'Deep approx, Level to build, Fronts on Hwy
- Well, Hydro, Had septic Approval (expired)

4 Season Eagle Lake Cottage $429,900



Mark Dennys*
457-0473

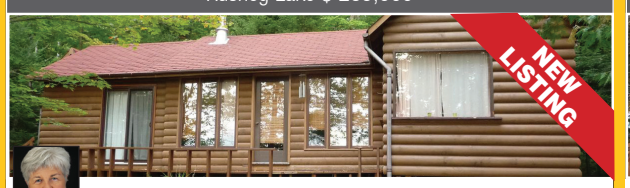
- 90 Ft Water Frontage, .71 Acres, Approx 1,664 Sq Ft,
- Turn Key, 3 Brdm, Den, 2 Bath, Level Lot, 2 Lake Chain

Start Your Cottage Experience Right Here! $189,000

Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 26

- 3 Bedrooms, large private lot on Minden's Gull River w/ Bunkie
- 164 feet of frontage on large private lot, just minutes from town

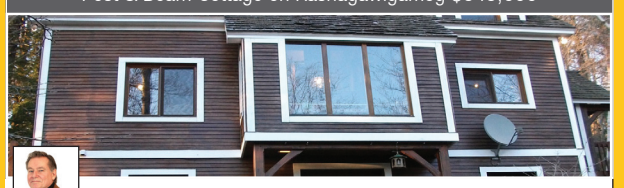
Kushog Lake $ 289,000



Lee Gauthier**
489-9968

- 290 feet of hard sand waterfront - FLAT lot
- Classic log siding 4 bedroom cottage, 3 pc bathroom, fully furnished

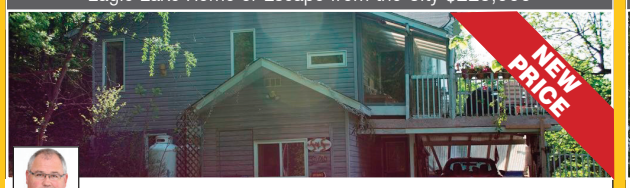
Post & Beam Cottage on Kashagawigamog $649,000



Scott Harrison
286-2138 x 28

- 4+ bdrms, 3 baths, w/o basement w/ rec room, cute bunkie
- 100 ft of frontage on premier 5 lake chain, call Scott for details!

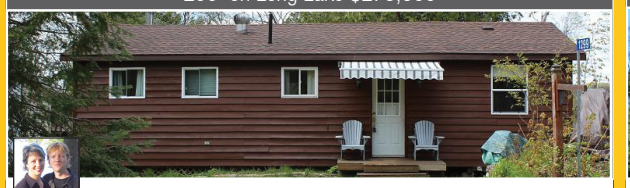
Eagle Lake Home or Escape from the City $229,000



Andrew Hodgson***
286-2138 x 29

- Clean & tidy 3 bedroom, 2 bath open-concept home
- Lovely view over Eagle Lake, close to town and ski hill

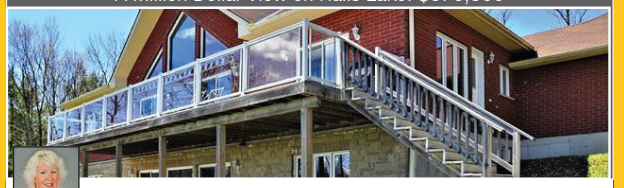
200' on Long Lake $279,900



Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

- Nicely renovated year round 3-BR cottage
- 2-Lake chain, miles of boating, sunset views

A Million Dollar View on Halls Lake! $676,500



Denise LeBlanc*
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- Captivating view over the lake from inside this spacious Royal Home
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Plantation Road Acreage $ 399,000

David Lee*
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- 360 acres with good mixture of land, ponds, trails, & forest
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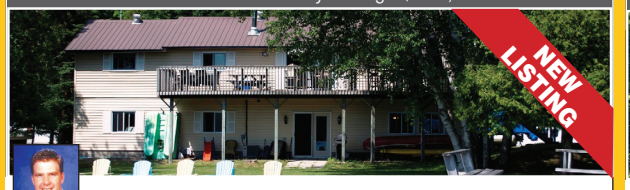
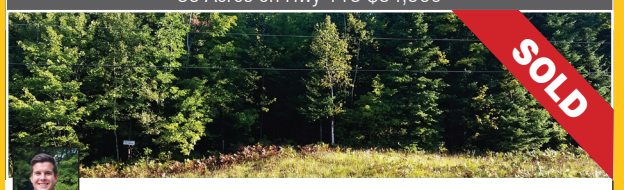
Haliburton Lake Family Cottage $624,900



Erin Nicholls*
457-2128 x 34

- Large yr round home/ctge with 5 bdrms, 2½ baths on level lot
- Full finished lower level with walkout to beach with clean shoreline

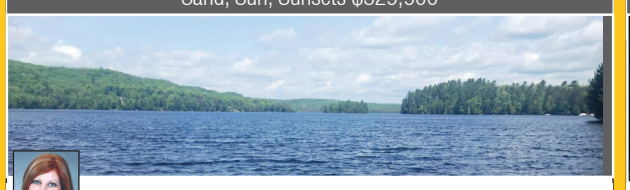
39 Acres on Hwy 118 $54,900



Brandon Nimigon
457-2128 x 27

- Minutes from Loon and Miskwabi Lake, forested with some cleared areas
- Hydro and Telephone are on the frontage of this property

Sand, Sun, Sunsets $329,900



Karen Nimigon**
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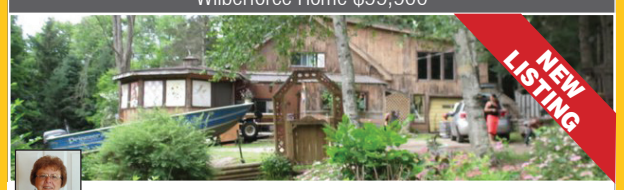
- 1.89 acres with 140 feet sand shoreline on Grace Lake plus 2 lake chain boating
- Private location with clean water swimming, Lake Trout fishing & Sun all day

Perfect Starter or Family Cottage! $199,900

Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom off-grid cottage with custom kitchen
- 1.3 acres with 140 feet of frontage on the picturesque Drag River

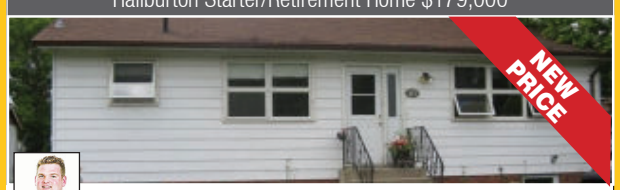
Wilberforce Home $99,900



Darlene Reil
477-2055

- Handy man Special with 3 bedrooms, 3 bathes
- Attached garage with loft & an extra lot with storage shed

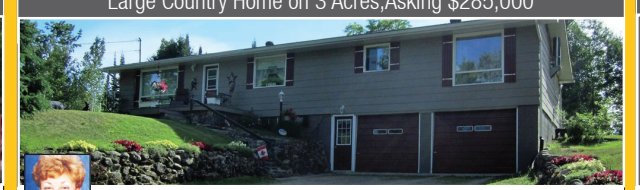
Haliburton Starter/Retirement Home $179,000



Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

- 2 bdrms, full bath, laundry, kitchen/dining room & living room on main floor Full bsmt is partially finished with large rec room & a third bedroom

Large Country Home on 3 Acres,Asking $285,000



Elizabeth Thompson*
457-2128 x 52

- Privacy, Pond, Close to Lakes & Geocaching
- 3 Bedroom ranch bungalow, LR, DR, Country Kitchen

Irondale River $279,000

Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

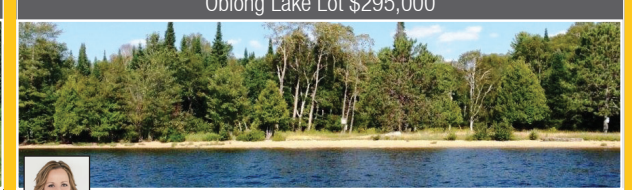
- Contemporary 3 Bdrm/2 Bath Home/Cottage
- 480' frontage, SW Exp, Several km's of Canoeing/Kayaking

Kinmount Home $224,900

Tom Wilkinson**
286-2138 x 25

- Charming 3 bedroom home, many recent renovations & upgrades
- Large in town lot with stream, walk to downtown

Oblong Lake Lot $295,000



Andrea Wilson**
457-6694

- 1.45 acre level lot offering W. exp & 163' of frontage w/ large sand beach
- Clean, clear, deep water lake on Premier 2 Lake chain with Haliburton Lake

Kashagawigamog Lk Log Home/Cottage $589,900

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Murder at Raven Lake

By Jenn Watt

The Dominion Hotel, Raven Lake, Highland Ridge long-term care home, The Highland Times newspaper – if all of that sounds familiar, it's because the Haliburton Highlands serves as a slightly altered setting for Rosemary McCracken's most recent murder mystery, *Raven Lake*.

The third in her series featuring protagonist financial planner Pat Tierney, the novel weaves its narrative through the fabric of a small town called Braeloch, a place eerily similar to the county.

"It has a strong resemblance to the Haliburton Highlands," says McCracken, who has long cottaged in Algonquin Highlands.

"Braeloch" comes from the road of the same name off Highway 35 south of Halls Lake. "It's a compilation of Minden and Haliburton village," McCracken says.

Although there is a Raven Lake in Algonquin Highlands, the author says she chose it for the book because of the meaning and sound of the name and it's not about the local lake.

"Native people saw the raven as a trickster," she says. "It's a smart bird."

It also conjures Edgar Allan Poe's poem, giving the book a menacing vibe.

McCracken published her first Pat Tierney novel, *Safe Harbor*, in 2012, following a year later by *Black Water*. By the time we get to *Raven Lake*, our main character has grappled with two murders, human trafficking, fraud, bikers, a suspicious fire, money laundering and plenty of family drama.

> ***"It has a strong resemblance to the Haliburton Highlands."***
>
> — Rosemary McCracken

This novel is no exception.

Tierney, a single mother with two daughters and an adopted son, puts her financial know-how to good use, running a branch of her financial institution in cottage country. As she's handing over the reins of the institution to a new hire, she plans for a blissful summer vacation on the lake.

"That dream turns into a nightmare," McCracken says.

When her friend's mother goes missing, Tierney naturally gets involved, while also dealing with a teenage daughter who discovers she's pregnant and a cottage rental scam ripped right out of the headlines.

Journalist and novellist Rosemary McCracken has released her third book in the Pat Tierney series. /Supplied

McCracken has had plenty of success with her recent fiction writing endeavours, but her day job is as a freelance journalist for the *Financial Post*. Originally from Montreal, she moved to Alberta and worked for the *Calgary Herald* before settling in Toronto.

Once established in Ontario, she started looking for a vacation property within driving distance of the city.

A place in Algonquin Highlands was the first cottage she looked at. She spent 15 "perfect" summers there and is now back on the lookout for a new abode – one that would suit retirement. In the meantime she is renting a spot on Boshkung for the summer.

"The area is so special," she says, noting that Muskoka doesn't offer the same amount of open Crown land to explore.

While McCracken continues to work as a journalist, she keeps Pat Tierney close at hand. She recently finished a short story with her protagonist and hopes to write enough to put together an anthology one day.

Raven Lake was released June 1 by Imajin Books and is available on Amazon.com in paperback or e-edition. You can read McCracken's blog at rosemarymccracken.wordpress.com or check out her website at www.rosemarymccracken.com.

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Paddle art contest marks significant anniversary

By Angelica Ingram

In 2017, Canadians will mark a historic milestone in the art world as next summer will be the 100th anniversary of the death of Tom Thomson, one of the country's most renowned painters.

Thomson, who mysteriously disappeared while canoeing in Algonquin Park, influenced the Group of Seven and many other artists throughout the country.

Algonquin Outfitters is hoping his art will inspire once again with the launch of their Paddle Art Contest.

The contest, which was launched this summer, celebrates the 55th anniversary of Algonquin Outfitters and the 100th anniversary of Thomson's death.

Marketing manager for the store, Randy Mitson said the contest is a way to celebrate Canadian heritage, as next year is Canada's 150th birthday.

For a $25 fee, contestants are given a blank canoe paddle (from any Algonquin Outfitters location) and encouraged to create a work of art.

Paddles can be carved, painted or transformed in whatever way you wish, as long as it still includes a paddle.

The idea for the contest came from Algonquin Outfitters owner Richard Swift. With 14 locations across Ontario, Algonquin Outfitters specializes in equipment and clothing for the outdoors.

"We do annual photo contests and we're really engaged with our customers and clients ... so this just kind of made sense," said Mitson.

Thomson, who disappeared while canoeing in July of 1917, was found eight days later. His paddle was never found.

The contest was launched in June and has already seen more than 100 paddles purchased and a few completed. It runs until Aug. 31, 2017, ensuring ample time to create a masterpiece.

Once all the entries have been received, Algonquin Outfitters will be auctioning off 100 paddles next September at the Algonquin Theatre in Huntsville, with proceeds going to local charities.

"We've done something like this in the past and were very successful with it," said Mitson. "I can't even imagine how successful this is going to be."

The auction will start online and then the live auction will be in the theatre. The winners are determined by who fetches the highest price at the auction, which leaves the judging up to the public, said Mitson.

The two charities that will benefit from the event are the Oxtongue Lake for Arts and Culture, in Haliburton County, and the town of Huntsville for future acquisitions of public art.

Huntsville artist Janine Marson stands with the paddle she painted for the Paddle Art Contest being put on by Algonquin Outfitters in honour of their 55th anniversary and the 100th anniversary of Tom Thomson's death in Algonquin Park. Marson is a member of the Oxtongue Lake for Arts and Culture, one of the charities benefitting from the contest, which encourages everyone to submit an art paddle.

The Oxtongue Lake for Arts and Culture organization has a special tie in to Thomson, as the painter was inspired by the Oxtongue River and did work there, said Mitson.

"So there's a whole history in that area that's kind of undiscovered," he said. "They're building a Tom Thomson trail ... their plan is they want to physically educate people about it."

Mitson said the goal of the contest was to have 100 paddles entered, however he believes they will far exceed that number.

"We are at 116 paddles sold so far," he said. "We've already ordered more than 200 paddles ... I'm suspecting that we'll probably put out 300 or 400 paddles. If we get more than 100 back that's even better. It's been very, very well received."

Contestants can use their own paddles, but they still have to pay the $25 fee to cover administration costs.

The Paddle Art Contest will award one prize for every 25 paddles returned. One prize is an all inclusive canoe trip valued at $600, or a paddle of your choice from Badger Paddles.

Completed paddles will also be on display at Rails End Gallery in Haliburton Village and at the Algonquin Theatre in Huntsville.

Mitson has already heard about paddle creations in the works and is excited to see what comes forward.

"It's really exciting to see the things we didn't expect," he said. "I know I'm going to get paddles back where I'm going to go wow, I never thought somebody could do that with a paddle or I would have never thought of that. That's ingenious."

For more information about the contest, including the rules, visit www.algonquinoutfitters.com/contests/paddle-art-contest, or call 705-787-0262.

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Saturday, July 30 8pm
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Wilberforce Agricultural Fair
August 5 & 6
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Highlands East 14th Annual Studio Tour
August 13, 14 & 20, 21
County Road 503 Corridor
For more information visit
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featuring Scott Russell
August 20 7pm to 11:45pm
Gooderham Bandstand
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July 29 & 30 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm
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Gooderham Horseshoe Day
August 3, 2016
Robert McCausland Centre, Gooderham
Registration at 11:00am
For more information contact
Ron Barr: 705-448-2060

Art of an Outpost Nurse Opening Party
Wednesday August 10 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Red Cross Outpost Museum Wilberforce
Call the outpost at 705-448-3000 or Hilda Clark at 705-448-2018 for more information

HATVA Poker Run
August 20 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
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CountyLife

Building an enchanted forest

By Jenn Watt

Phoebe Stamp loves her grandparents' house. She explores the outdoors, running along the paths and over bridges, discovering the wilderness. But when it came to the woods around her West Guilford home, the then-15-month-old wasn't interested.

So her mom, Brandon Jarvis, got an idea.

"In the spring I tried to coax her into it and she wouldn't [go]," says Jarvis. "I said, OK, I'm going to make trails."

This April, with snow still lingering on the forest floor, Jarvis got her father's leaf blower and started clearing paths for her daughter to play on. She also had in mind a popular concept for children's play called a "mud kitchen."

These are outdoor play areas for kids that encourage them to explore and get dirty.

Jarvis, an early childhood educator and mother in a large blended family, started assembling the pieces from the local landfill. It didn't take long until the mud kitchen became a "dirty diner" complete with seating for guests.

Phoebe embraced the new play area and Jarvis says there was so much to work with at the landfill, she kept going. Next was a weaving section, made with a plastic trellis spraypainted the colours of the rainbow. Then Phoebe's interest in birds inspired her mother to put together a bird observation station. A painting nook followed, with an old shower door becoming a transparent surface for the child's paints, then a "block and rock" table for creating. A culvert Jarvis spied at the landfill ended up in the yard, which she incorporated into the landscape with some soil and grass seed.

"The tunnel, it's so cool," she says. "It cost nothing. It's really a neat little playground."

The latest creation is a sandbox made out of an aluminium boat painted purple and adorned with a fishing net and starfish.

Four months into the project, the yard has been transformed into a magical forest for kids.

On one sunny Wednesday morning, Jarvis wanders the woods with her daughter. Phoebe strides into the mud kitchen with confidence, clanging pots and pans, moving a small watering can from one surface to another and then notices an old fashioned telephone, complete with a cord. She instinctively puts it up to her ear: "hello?" This telephone is coming with her, the child decides, tucking it under her arm and pushing on through the trees into the forest.

Phoebe Stamp works on her next masterpiece in the forest around her home.

Her mother continues the tour – the bird station includes a brightly painted toucan, a bird book and binoculars. A real-life bird has nested in the tree, so Jarvis explains this area is out of bounds for raucus play until the bird is done with it.

Phoebe catches up and then surpasses the tour, headed to the music station, where she jangles hanging bells.

To capture all of the progress made in her playground, Jarvis has started a website called RightBrainedMom.com.

"My blog has had almost 6,000 views in just over a month," Jarvis says.

"So many people are sending me messages saying, 'where did you get that?'" she laughs. "At the dump!" Jarvis is aware of the impression her landfill picking might have on others, but says it's worth the effort. Her family has been supportive; her partner, Mark Stamp, has been particularly helpful.

"I always have 17 things on the go," Jarvis says. "Mark is so sweet about it."

Stamp helps her move the bigger items around the playground, bringing sand, for example, to fill the boat to create a sandbox.

They have a nine-month-old, Beckett, who will also one day enjoy exploring the forest. The older kids help with putting together various stations, she says.

While municipalities that run landfills don't allow scavenging for liability reasons, often there are sections for good quality items. But not everyone sets those items aside, Jarvis says, which bothers her.

"It seems unfortunate that that stuff's going to get pushed back into the landfill," she says. Especially when there are people out there who could use the items.

"I have conversations with people all the time now at the dump," she says. "I know someone there who has built an entire shed with materials from the dump."

Next on Jarvis's list is the August workshop she's doing for kindergarten teachers. It's completely free and will demonstrate how to make musical walls. She would love to hear from anyone who has old windows, doors and things kids can take apart and make noise with who might want to donate to her workshop.

After that, she's dreaming up a fish sculpture to go next to the nautical sandbox and in the future perhaps a water slide for the hill that surrounds her home.

The experience of creating her enchanted forest has also been good for her own well being.

"You need an outlet at the end of the day," she says. "This is incredibly therapeutic."

Brandon Jarvis looks through the window of the Dirty Diner in her playground. Jarvis created an interactive outdoor world on her property in order to get her daughter to play outside. She now has 11 stations and is teaching a workshop in August.

A music wall is made up of all sorts of bobbles and utensils affixed to a red wooden door Brandon Jarvis found at the landfill.

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Artist gathers impressions of garbage

By Jenn Watt

Valerie Ashton thinks the earth might be telling her something as she works on her residency at Haliburton School of Art and Design. Trees keep emerging from the ink and watery coral appears on her collages as she puts together her work as the Reclaim artist in residence – a role tasked with literally digging into the local landfill.

"I take my paper and my acrylic … and I go into the landfill and put it on the ground and make monoprints," says Ashton, who has created several prints that hang on the walls of the timber frame building No. 2 at HSAD in Haliburton.

It's an eight-week residency and in that time, she will create two sculptures along with other works. One sculpture will stay with the college while the other will be sold at the annual faculty auction on Aug. 11.

The prints are made on the sandy ground a few metres from the edge of the garbage pile at the Dysart landfill. While she's not making the works on the garbage itself, just under the dirt's surface is a mound of garbage from years gone by. The images that emerge from the process, however, look nothing like waste.

Most of the prints hanging in the workshop on July 21 look more like trees. Distinct branches and foliage reach to the edges of the paper, their forms outlined in the black paint.

She's also been creating collages using discarded items – most of them from the dump, but others have been given to her by people who know about the project. She specifically asked for items already destined for the garbage can.

Another piece reflects Ashton's first impression of the Dysart landfill. It is made of discarded tissue paper, layered to reflect the landscape in bright green and brown. As with the other images, black paint is layered on top.

She says the first time she observed the mound of waste she was struck by the surroundings. "You see this big pile of garbage and right behind is Haliburton's forest," she says. "It's fascinating."

Her residency has brought Ashton closer to what this town considers rubbish and she says she's found many items that would more appropriately be given to Thrift Warehouse or the Lily Ann.

She points to two cushioned stools she found at the landfill. The fabric is a little worn and discoloured, but the wooden legs are intact and strong. A bit of paint and fabric and they could look like new, she says.

A labyrinth game she salvaged from the garbage heap is made of wood with knobs on the top and side to control the deck. The trick is to get the ball from the beginning to the end without it falling into one of the many holes throughout. One of the tiny walls has come unglued and the ball is missing, but otherwise the game is as good as new. It was also in the landfill.

Then there are the toys. One window sill of the studio is covered in tiny plastic toys. A magical castle sits across the room on the floor. Some soap and water is all that's required to bring these once-loved figurines back to life, but they were discarded instead, Ashton says.

Last year, the artist participated in HSAD's studio process advancement course, an experience she calls "absolutely fabulous" and taught her more than her two years at York University.

"It's the best thing I could have done to push myself," she says.

The master pastellist and elected member of the Ontario Society of Artists says while she was doing the course at the college last year she started working on concepts around the things we discard. She had been painting still life objects – the everyday items we don't normally think about – and then began to incorporate the waste those objects generate. Her paintings of coffee cups were done with grounds, coffee and filters. She made a quilt with beer cans.

She asked the staff member who works in the cafeteria to save her the old tea bags and enlisted fellow students to save the bags in a container.

For her residency, she's been collecting plastic water bottles to create a sculpture. They're not just any bottles, though. She is only using the ones that were thrown in the garbage rather than recycling bin.

Ashton lives in Stouffville and has been an active artist for the last 20 years – most of that time taking courses at HSAD. When she and her husband decided to buy a cottage, they thought the obvious place would be near the college. They now spend their free time on Gooderham Lake.

Ashton will be working on her residency at the college until Aug. 5. The public is welcome to come by and chat with her about her work and bring her objects intended for the landfill. She is available for visitors Monday and Wednesday between 9 and 4 p.m. as well as Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons.

Valerie Ashton, this year's Reclaim artist in residence at Haliburton School of Art and Design, holds up one of the works she has created this summer. Ashton's work examine's our role with the landfill, waste and the environment. JENN WATT Staff

Some of the items found in the landfill sit on a table in Timber Frame building No. 2 at Haliburton School of Art and Design. Artist Valerie Ashton has been working on the Reclaim artist residency.

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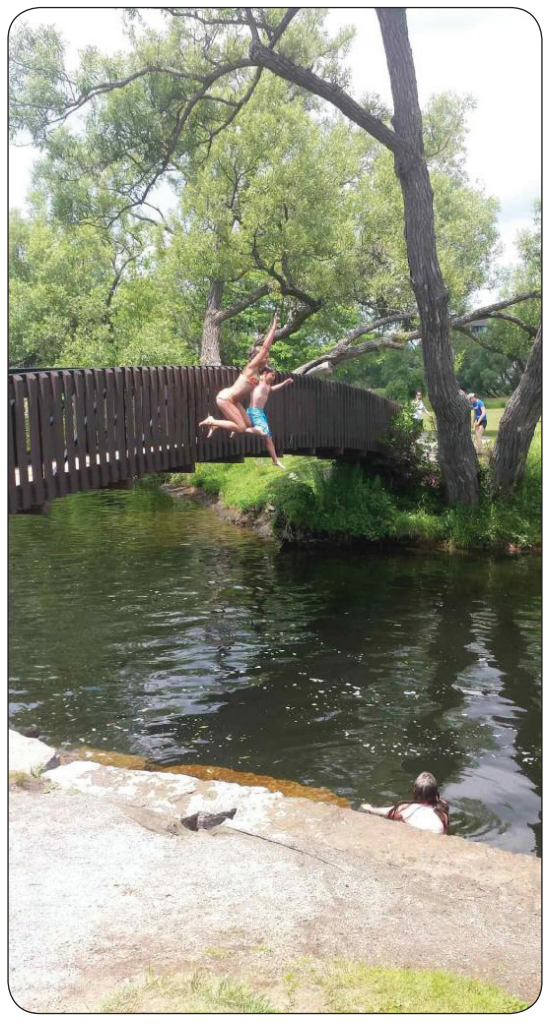

Favourite summer things
Grandkids, Ryan Kennedy-Dumas and Ethan Kennedy-Dumas, jumping off the bridge in the park. Submitted by Michelle Dumas

Thanks to everyone who submitted their favourite things.

Laura Smith snapped this photo of Cameron Holmes and Jordan Watson boating on Pelaw Lake.

Pauline Deschamps with her five grandchildren enjoyed a week at Willow Beach. This photo was taken at the Bonnie View inn.

Leland Kainellos is ready to tear up the trails on his dirtbike. By Laura Chowzun.

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To register or more information: www.run.highlandyard.ca

Outpost Museum at the Fair
When: Saturday August 6, 9 am - 5 pm
Where: Curling Rink at Wilberforce Agricultural Fair
Display about early farming settlers of Wilberforce & area
Outpost Museum 705-448-3000 or Hilda at 705-448-2018

Art of an Outpost Nurse, Special Opening Party
When: Wednesday August 10 at 7:00 PM
Where: Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House museum.
Open daily except Tuesdays 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM until Sunday August 21.
Experience the oil paintings & other art by the late Gertrude LeRoy Miller,nurse/artist and author of Mustard Plasters and Hand Cars, her story of working at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost in the early 1930's. Drop in while touring Artists Studios in Highlands East.
Outpost Museum 705 448 3000 or Hilda 705 448 2018

Wild About Nature, Tee Up for the Trust Golf Tournament.
When: August 11
Where: Pinestone Golf Club
Early bird registrations must be in by June 21.
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Highland Tea
When: Sat. Aug. 13th 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Where: St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake
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When: Monday August 15 begins 7:00 PM
Where: Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum on lawn by lake
Corn/wiener roast with anniversary cake to celebrate decades of work by Outpost nurses, 24 years as a museum and 13 years as a National Historic Site of Canada
Outpost Museum 705 448 3000 or Hilda 705 448 2018

Mini Bucks Bid Euchre
(the third thursday of every month)
When: Thursday August 18th, 7:00 pm
Where: Bobcaygeon Seniors Centre
Cost:$5.00
for more information contact Phil at 705-738-6271

Nature in the Hood 2016 - Woodland Wildlife Sanctuary Tour
When: Saturday, Aug. 20. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Annual Decoration Day Services
When: August 21, 2016 at 3:00 pm
Where: Gelert Cemetery
Please bring lawn chairs.

Recurring Events

Kids' Time
Where: Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum & Grounds
When: Wednesdays in July Tentative time: 11:15 AM to 12:15 Noon Call to confirm time.
Of interest to children 6 to 11 & their caregivers. Program will vary weekly.Participants will learn about work & play of Red Cross Outpost nurses & enjoy an activity inside or on back lawn perhaps a craft or even an archaeological dig
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Early Local Settlers at Work & Play
Where: Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum
Display opens Thursday June 23 at 7:00 PM Will continue throughout July,August & September with regular updates
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When: Saturday mornings, 10 am - 2 pm from June 18th - September 3rd
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